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1. At least three Russian divisions are stationed at Salla with orders to take positions on the Finnish-Soviet border running from Kuolajarvi north to the Norwegian border and on to the sea. [REDACTED] Comment. There is a possibility that this information was ultimately obtained from the same source as that of [REDACTED], and it is not believed to constitute a confirmation.)
2. According to the informant the Finns believe that if Norway joins the Atlantic Pact the Russians, acting under Article Two of the Accord with Finland, will occupy northern Finland from Rovaniemi and Haparanda and take positions on the Norwegian border from Skibotn to Kirkkonen.
3. The Finns would not resist such a move by force, informant believes, but will resist any Soviet aggression onto the territory of southern Finland. The government now is making plans for a possible evacuation of Finnish civilians.
4. In Norway, staff and brigade commanders of the army have been placed under alert orders.

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5. [REDACTED] Comment. Source suggests that this report might be stimulated by Finnish political interests and not based on fact.

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